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Notice of Non-compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112 of application having SIR Request	Application/Control No.	Applicant(s)	
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An examination of the above identified application indicates that it does not comply with 35 U.S.C. 112 because:

1. ☐ The specification does not contain a written description of the invention, and the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same. (See attached sheet(s)).
Accordingly, claim(s) _____ is/are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as being based on an insufficient disclosure.
2. ☐ The specification does not set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor for carrying out the invention. (See attached sheet(s)).
Accordingly, claim(s) _____ is/are rejected as being based on an insufficient disclosure.
3. ☒ The claims do not particularly point out or distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Specifically claim(s) 2-6, 15 and 21 is/are rejected as failing to comply with 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. (See attached sheet(s))
4. ☐ Other; _____.

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Attachment(s)

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| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____ | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

1. Claims 2-6, 15 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 2 depends from claim 2 and thus is considered incomplete.

Claim 2 recites the limitation "said tool" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Claims 3-6 are rejected for depending from the aforementioned rejected claim 2.

Claim 15 recites the limitation "said tool" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 21 recites the limitation "the wellbore pressure safety margin" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

2. Claims 1, 7-14, 16-20 and 22 are approved.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel Pihulic whose telephone number is 703-306-4168. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Tarcza, can be reached on 703-306-4171.

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